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# notes

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## You can help prevent car theft

The police are putting the “heat” on car thieves and you can help.

Phoenix Police urge you to take part in the HEAT or Help Eliminate Auto Theft program by making your vehicle difficult to steal.

They recommend that you:

- Lock your doors and roll up your windows when you park.
- Park in a well-lit and well-traveled area.
- Take your keys with you.
- Hide valuables in the trunk if you must leave them in your car.
- Store your title in a secure place, not inside the car.
- Memorize your license plate number and have it immediately accessible.

Police suggest, too, that you have your vehicle identification number etched on the windows of your car and consider using a steering wheel lock, an alarm, a vehicle tracking device or a kill switch.

You also can enroll your car in the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority's Watch Your Car program. The program provides stickers for your car that allow police to stop and investigate the vehicle if it is being driven between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., the hours that most cars are stolen.

To enroll or for more information, call 1-888-668-4433 or visit [www.aata.state.az.us](http://www.aata.state.az.us) on the Internet.



### ***Did You Know?***

- Arizona leads the nation in auto thefts per capita.
- An auto theft occurs every 23 seconds in the United States.
- Nearly half of all stolen vehicles are left unlocked.
- About 20 percent of stolen vehicles have the keys left inside the vehicle.
- Most stolen vehicles do not have an anti-theft device in use.
- Stolen vehicles are routinely used in the commission of other crimes.

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## Teens can share writings at workshop

Young, aspiring poets and writers are invited to share their works with other teens during a coffeehouse March 14 at Desert Sage Branch Library, 7602 W. Encanto Blvd.

The free event, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., features music, food and a poetry slam hosted by Brent Heffron, a university student who has been competing in performance poetry for several years.

Teens also may receive writing tips at the event from Marv Kupfer, the library's professional

writer-in-residence and former Newsweek correspondent who will conduct free writing workshops for teens in March, April and May at the city's 13 library branches.



The coffeehouse and workshops are part of the library system's Write On! project, sponsored by The Arizona Republic's Season for Sharing. For more information, call Desert Sage Library at

602-534-5276 or visit [phoenixteencentral.org](http://phoenixteencentral.org) on the Internet.

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## Watch for flooding

Although rain often is a welcomed sight in the Valley, it sometimes causes dangerous flooding.

Even small streams, gullies, creeks, culverts, dry stream beds or low-lying ground that appear harmless in dry weather can flood, warn officials of the Street Transportation Department, Floodplain Management Section.

In addition to urging care around potential flood sites, they also suggest that homeowners protect their property by obtaining flood insurance. The insurance is available from the National Flood Insurance Program through local insurance agents.

To find out if you are in a Special Flood Hazard Area call 602-262-4960, or write or visit the Floodplain Management Section at Phoenix City Hall, fifth floor, 200 W. Washington St., Phoenix AZ 85003.



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## Folk festival expects 200 performers

Encanto Park will celebrate America's musical roots during the Annual Folk Traditions Festival, March 22 - 23 at the park's clubhouse, 2605 N. 15th Ave.

The festival, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. both days, will showcase bluegrass, folk, blues, Celtic and country music, in addition to other genres.

About 200 performers from throughout the Southwest are expected for the free event, which also features storytellers, music workshops and jam sessions.

The festival is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Arizona Pickers and Grinners Society, Arizona Songwriters Association, Fiddler's Dream Coffeehouse and the Southwest Acoustic Music Association.

For more information, call 602-261-8993.

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## Municipal Court gets new name

Phoenix Municipal Court has a new name — Phoenix Municipal Court Valdemar A. Cordova Building.

The court was renamed in honor of Cordova, who served on the City Council from 1955 to 1959.

He also was a Maricopa County Superior Court judge and a U.S. District Court judge. His appointment to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 made him the first Mexican-American in Arizona to hold such a post and one of the first in the country.



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## Youth invited to enter International Artist Competition

If you are 13 to 18 years old, have an artistic flair and live in Phoenix or attend a Phoenix school, the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission International Young Artist Competition may be your gateway to a career in the arts.

This year's theme, "Reach for a Hand . . . Touch a Heart," must be interpreted in artwork of watercolors, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media or photography.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Friday, March 7.

Four local winners will receive cash prizes. All submissions will be displayed in Phoenix in March and April, and the overall winning entry will be submitted to the Sister Cities International competition in July.

For more information or an entry form, call 602-534-3751.

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## Deer Valley Park site of next BOPA

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at BOPA collections 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13-15 at Deer Valley Park, 19601 N. 19th Ave., and April 10-12 at Palmcroft Baptist Church, 15825 N. 35th Ave.

In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters.

Commercial loads will not be accepted. The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call for a collection appointment. For information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to [pwserve@phoenix.gov](mailto:pwserve@phoenix.gov) or visit [phoenix.gov/GARBAGE](http://phoenix.gov/GARBAGE) on the Internet.



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## Author to keynote Women's Day luncheon

Susan L. Taylor, editorial director of *Essence* magazine and best-selling author, will be the keynote speaker at the city's 12th annual International Women's Day luncheon March 13 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Ballroom, Third and Jefferson streets.

"Saluting the Strength of Women" is the theme of the noon luncheon hosted by the city, the Phoenix Women's Commission and the International Women's Day Steering Committee.

Through her monthly *Essence* column, "In the Spirit," and her numerous public appearances, Taylor has become an inspiration to many women for her commitment to family, faith, self-esteem and health.

Tickets for the event, which commemorates the struggle of women to improve their lives, are \$45 for general admission and \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available at the Phoenix Civic Plaza box office.

The proceeds benefit the International Women's Day Scholarship fund, which has provided \$300,000 over the past eight years in educational scholarships to re-entry women. For more information, call 602-261-8242 or visit [phoenix.gov/PHXWOMEN/luncheon.html](http://phoenix.gov/PHXWOMEN/luncheon.html) on the Internet.



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## Job fair draws 200 employers



Job hunters can meet with more than 200 employers at the free Career Expo 2003, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday,

March 26, at the Arizona State

Fair Grounds Exhibition Building, 1826 W. McDowell Road.

Employers will be interviewing – some will even be hiring on the spot – for entry- to professional-level positions in high-tech, retail, aerospace, health care, finance, law enforcement, armed forces, and state and local government. Job seekers also will have access to the state's registration job service program and computers for online job searches.

The fee for companies wishing to participate is \$250, which includes a breakfast seminar, lunch and a 10' x 10' booth.

For more information, call 602-307-9016 Ex. 1621 or visit [azjobfair.com](http://azjobfair.com) on the Internet.

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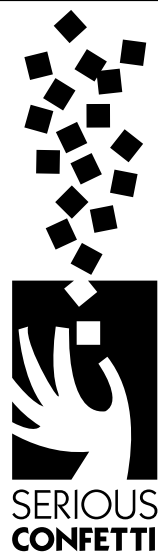
## Literary series features nationally known authors

Phoenix Public Library continues its Serious Confetti literary series in March with two nationally known authors lined up for the free program.

American Book Award winner Luis Alberto Urrea will read from his works at 7 p.m. March 19 at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., and 7 p.m. March 20 at Desert Sage Library, 7602 W. Encanto Blvd. He is the author of nine books and teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

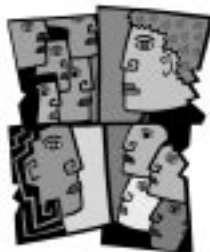
Pulitzer Prize winning poet Philip Levine will headline "The Esther Frank Memorial Author's Evening" at 7 p.m. March 27 at Central Library. Levine's other honors include a Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the National Book Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Award for Poetry.

For more information, call 602-262-4636.



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## Brown Bag features interactive presentation



Dr. John Benson, religious science minister, will offer an interactive presentation on the creative power of the mind at the city's Faces of Diversity

Brown Bag lunch series from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.

He will discuss how the subconscious mind

works, how to use affirmations to establish new thought patterns and how to receive intuitive guidance and direction in personal and business affairs.

The free series is sponsored by the Phoenix Human Relations Commission and the city's Equal Opportunity Department.

For more information, call 602-261-8242/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

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# Eight honored for promoting justice

Eight Phoenix residents have been honored for their commitment to creating a compassionate and socially just community.



Warren Stewart Sr.

Warren Stewart Sr., pastor of the First Institutional Baptist Church, received the Calvin C. Goode 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award, while the others received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards.

The honorees were recognized by the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee and the Phoenix Human Relations Commission.

The Goode award, named for former City Councilman Calvin C. Goode, recognizes an exceptional individual who has made Phoenix a better place to live through the promotion of social and economic justice.

Others honored were: the late Jean Chaudhuri, Native American Heritage Preservation Coalition; Tony de'Shay, Paradise Valley Community College, student services specialist; Jose "Casper" Habre, city Parks and Recreation Department recreational coordinator; Dr. Stephen Hennessy, Phoenix Police Department training administrator; Mark Maskalenko, Cesar Chavez High School teacher; Don Tarkington, former city Parks and Recreation Department district administrator; and Rev. Oscar Tillman, NAACP Maricopa County branch president.

For more information, call 602-261-8242/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

# Stanton elected vice mayor

District 6 Councilman Greg Stanton has been selected by the City Council to serve as vice mayor for 2003.

He has served on the council for three years and chairs the City Council Education, Youth and Arts Subcommittee. He also serves



Greg Stanton

on the council subcommittees that oversee public safety, neighborhood protection and open space preservation and he co-chaired the Phoenix Drop Out Prevention Task Force.

Stanton, a strong neighborhood and education advocate, served on the Camelback East and Ahwatukee Foothills village planning committees prior to joining the council. He volunteers for Valley Big Brothers/Big Sisters and recently was named 2002 Valley Big Brother of the year.

# City offers certification workshop in Spanish

Spanish-speaking minority, woman and small business owners in Maricopa County can learn about the city's business certification programs and how they can provide opportunities for small business economic growth at a free workshop 3 - 5 p.m. March 6, at the City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.



The city's Equal Opportunity Department is offering this educational workshop for the first time in Spanish to help business owners complete the application process for certification with the city as a minority-, woman-owned or small business enterprise.

All materials including the application and questions and answers on the certification process will be in Spanish.

Seating is limited. To reserve space, call 602-262-6790/voice or 602/534-1557/TTY.

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